

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

Subject: MDH Pharmacy Services -- Weight Loss Drugs

The Maryland Department of Health proposes to make a technical correction in the State Plan, which inadvertently states that Maryland Medicaid provides coverage to full benefit dual eligible participants for certain weight loss drugs that are excluded from Medicare Part D. Effective January 1, 2023, the State Plan will be clarified to reflect that the Maryland Medicaid program does not cover excluded drugs used for anorexia, weight loss, and weight gain to full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries.

This change corrects an error in the State Plan to align with longstanding policy regarding weight loss drugs and does not change current practice. As such, it does not involve a fiscal impact.

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